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1. The Expert Technical Control - Odborna Technicka Kontrola (OTK) received all the uranium ore from the Jachymov mines. Here the ore was graded, ground and cased or barreled. The cased and barreled ore was placed in a warehouse from where it was shipped to the USSR. A train with 10 to 12 cars of uranium ore was shipped to the USSR every three weeks. Usually five to six cars of barreled grade 'A' uranium and five or six cars of bulk uranium ore were included in the shipment. For location of the Expert Technical Control see Enclosure (A).

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3. The train was constantly guarded by 23 members of the SNB who had their quarters in the first car of the train.

4. Head of the OTK was Frantisek Prazil, Czech engineer, 45 years of age, 180 cm tall, medium build, brown hair, loyal Communist Party member.
(fnu) Styrsky - warehouse manager, Czech, 32 years of age, 170 cm tall, blonde hair, loyal Communist Party member. He also arranged for transportation of uranium ore.

5. Three Soviets, speaking only the Russian language, were employed in the OTK. Victor Zurka was one of the controllers.

6. Workers for the Expert Technical Control were prisoners from a nearby camp. See part (B) of Enclosure (A). The OTK operated in three shifts.

7. A new airfield was being built nearby. It was to be used to transport uranium ore by plane to the USSR. The whole area was already levelled and gravel and cement were being brought in. Only civilians were being used in construction of this airfield.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketches Showing Location of Expert Technical Control, Vykmanov
Prison Camp and OTK Prison Camp

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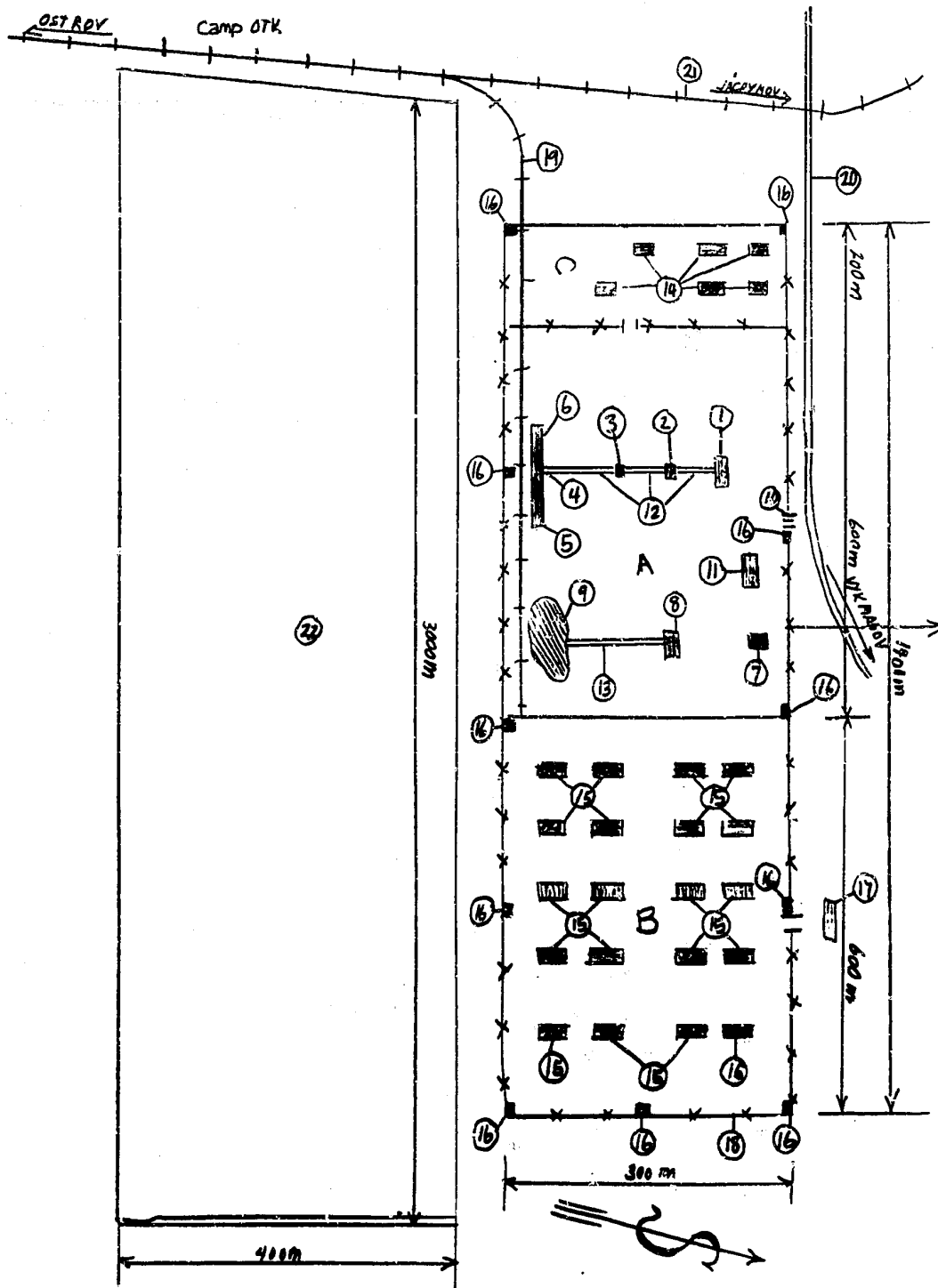
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SKETCHES SHOWING LOCATION OF EXPERT TECHNICAL CONTROL, VYKMANOV PRISON CAMP AND OTK PRISON CAMP



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Legend

Part (A)

- 1... One-floor, tile-roofed, brick building (40 x 20 meters) used for storage of uranium ore from Jachymov mines.
- 2... One-story, tile-roofed, brick building (10 x 10 meters). The radioactivity of uranium ore is ascertained in this building.
- 3... Same as No 2
- 4... Uranium ore mills. A four story, flat-concrete-roofed, brick building (15 x 15 meters). A narrow-gauge railroad connects buildings 1,2,3, and 4.
- 5... Empty barrel storage. One story, tile-roofed, brick building (60 x 15 meters).
- 6... Barreled uranium ore ready for transport. A one story, tile-roofed, brick building (60 x 15 meters).
- 7... SNB guard house for 13 men of the guard unit. One story, tar-paper roofed, brick building (30 x 15 meters).
- 8... Equipment for ascertaining radioactivity of uranium ore loaded in freight cars. One-story, tile roofed, brick building (40 x 30 meters).
- 9... Uranium ore pile of low radioactivity.
- 10... Main gate to Expert Technical Control (OTK)
- 11... Administrative offices of the OTK. A two-story, eternite roofed, brick building (50x40 meters).
- 12... Railway track connecting buildings 1,2,3, and 4.
- 13... Railway track leading to stock pile.

Part C

- 14... OTK Prisoner Camp. Six tar paper-roofed, one-story, wooden buildings each 30 x 10 meters.

Part B

- 15... Vykmancv Prisoner Camp. Twenty tar paper-roofed, one-story, wooden buildings, each 30 x 10 meters.
- 16... Wooden control towers, 6 meters high, occupied by the SNB armed with submachine guns, light machine guns and binoculars.
- 17... SNB guard house. One story, tar paper-roofed, wooden building (30 x 15 meters).
- 18... Barbed wire fence, 3 meters high.
- 19... OTK railway.
- 20... District highway to Vykmancv
- 21... Ostrov-Jachymov railroad
- 22... New airfield under construction. Surface has been leveled..

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